

Dear FCC,

Thanks for taking our comments. The idea that a television station like Sinclair can do such one sided electioneering related programming suggests that the FCC needs to be more actively involved in regulating TV stations. It is outrageous that they are taking this action. Ideally the FCC doesn't stand by and let this happen, lest it risk being considered an arm of the Bush Administration, and not an arm of the public interest.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.